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1. Eleven fast motorboats (motorowce) are based at Gdynia: the BEM ZWEDRY, BŁYŻKAWICZNY, BYTTEK, DZIADKU, DEJELNU, KARBU, NIEBIESKI, NIEBIESKIE, SPRAWNY, SZYBKI, and TWINI. An additional boat of this type, the GDZIĘZKI, is based in Gdyniujscie (Gdyniende). These craft are Soviet-built. In the opinion of Polish sailors, they have little military value and are ready for scrapping. They have two Packard engines, capable of 15 knots, and are armed with one 22.7 mm. stern gun, two Colt 12.7 mm. machine guns amidships, and depth charges. The crew usually numbers 18, but sometimes up to 22.
2. The Polish Navy also has two torpedo-cutters (szybki torpedowce) at Gdynia, numbered 1 and 2. They are of Soviet origin and similar to the motorboats. They are powered by three Packard engines, and armed with two Colt 12.7 mm. machine guns and two torpedoes. They have a crew of 12.
3. Among the auxiliary vessels (okrety pomocnicze) are three tankers (tankowce) of 250 BRT, the KRAK, LIRAK and ZŁI. They are unarmed. There are five tugs (holowniki): the KAPITAN and the ZBIAŁA, with 360 H.P. engines; the 200 H.P. KIESTEZ, the 120 H.P. MAJSTER, and the 200 H.P. KRAKUS. The tugs have no armament. There are also various unarmed motorboats.
4. The floating base (baza pływająca) NOTLAWA is generally anchored in basin number nine at Gdynia. It serves as a barracks, staff, and supply ship. It has no propulsion, but is towed by the tug RADOMIA. There is also a floating crane (piąwiający kran) at Gdynia with a lifting capacity of 25 tons.
5. A Chinese Seamen's Home (Dom Marynarza Chińskiego) has been established in Gdynia as a result of the large number of Chinese being recruited as crewmen for Polish ships.

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